

Valley Oak Children's Services

Valley Oak Children's Services, Inc. is a private non-profit agency serving Butte County. Our primary function is to make child care more accessible to parents while encouraging quality care situations for the families in our service area. Valley Oak Children's Services provides advocacy for children, parents and child care providers. The Child Development Division of the California State Department of Education has contracted with us to provide the following child and family related services. If you have any questions concerning the information presented here, please feel free to contact us at 895-3572 or 1-800-345-8627.

- **CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM** reimburses licensed family child care providers for nutritious meals served to children enrolled in their programs (Butte and Glenn Counties.) Phone 895-0561 to 1-800-273-5343.

- **CHILD CARE PAYMENT PROGRAM** is designed to help eligible families with child care costs while parents are working, seeking employment or enrolled in a school/training program. Families where children have been identified as being at risk of abuse or neglect may also be eligible. Phone 895-3572 or 1-800-345-8627.

- **RESOURCE AND REFERRAL PROGRAM** provides the following services. Phone 895-3572 or 1-800-345-8627.

Referrals to licensed family child care homes, child care centers, exempt (from licensing) situations and subsidized programs. (Valley Oak Children's Services offers referrals only and not recommendations, as we feel parents can best determine what is appropriate care for their children.)

Information about child and family related services and employer supported child care.

Technical Assistance services regarding the business aspects of child care, licensing, grant and proposal writing, start up procedures and child related legislation.

A Lending Library which includes assorted resource materials, toys, books, and equipment that are available for loan at two week intervals. The mobile lending library delivers items to child care providers in our service area.

Workshops for parents and child care providers.

- **The VALLEY OAK EXCHANGE**, a free quarterly newsletter that covers child care news and information on a local, state and national level.

Valley Oak Children's Services does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability (including HIV/AIDS), veteran status, ancestry, sexual preference, religious creed, national origin or marital status.

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